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Editor's Comment

By Mikey



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This issue is the **121st** issue of the Sentinel Newsletter. The first issue, V1N1 went out November 2013. The first contributors were Frank Fitzhenry, Ellen Henderson, Christy and Tom Potter, and maybe John Viverito. The calculator says that is 10 full years of reporting SHBC activities and articles of interest. The December issue will be the last Monthly issue.

I am **retiring** as Newsletter Editor and turning it over to someone else. It has been a fun ride and at least everyone in the club knows who "Mikey" is. The first issue was kind of dorky, but it evolved over the years into its current form. Following the December release, the Newsletter will

switch to a Quarterly release (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec). This decision was made primarily because the new editor also has a full-time+ job and kids.

Just for fun, go to the SHBC Archive page (link below) and browse the issues available.

<http://www.safetyharborboatclub.com/Newsletter/PDF/NewsletterArchive.asp>

GUEST SPEAKER FOR **NOVEMBER 1ST** SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - "EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT WEATHER, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK"

ARTICLE: ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: MIKE PRANGLEY



Plan to attend our **Wed., NOVEMBER 1ST** SHBC meeting at **6:15 pm** at the Safety Harbor Library. Our guest speaker will be **MIKE PRANGLEY**, who will give a presentation on the "EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT WEATHER BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK".

Plan to attend our SHBC Monthly Meeting on Wednesday



November 1st, 2023



6:15PM

AT THE SAFETY HARBOR LIBRARY

RECAP: GUEST SPEAKER FROM THE OCT. 4TH SHBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING - "WEEDON ISLAND - IT'S NOT JUST FOR KAYAKING"

ARTICLE: ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: INTERNET



Dr. Leslie Weedon gifted to his wife as a wedding present, what is now known as **WEEDON ISLAND**. He later sold it after unsuccessfully attempting to get a National Park Designation for the land.

Eugene Elliott lost it during the Great Depression. During the previous Prohibition Era his plans were for a world class resort with a Dance Club. Movie films were directed at the Studio on the premises and the first "sound" movies were made there. There was also a Grand Cental Airport on **WEEDON ISLAND**.

In 1955 an Energy company purchased the north part of **WEEDON ISLAND**. Finally, it became a state park in 1974. Volunteer archeologists from USF have discovered 1,100 years old dugout canoes made by the indigenous people, who inhabited the area.

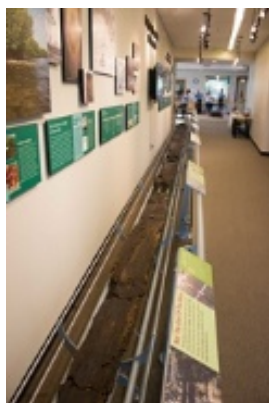
WEEDON ISLAND Preserve encompasses 3200 acres, which are inhabited by mangrove crab tails plus oysters. Summer camps include 100 kids exploring the island.

Kayaking is ADA Compliant and if kayaking on the weekend, it is recommended to be there by 8:00 AM for the 4-mile trip to open waters to Riviera Bay. Mangrove Tunnels are part of the on-the-water enjoyment. You will need a 1' tide at MLW, so you won't have to portage your Kayak, so checking the tide charts before planning a trip is imperative. It is also a non-combustion zone



and rangers keep out power boats, unless they are electric driven. Kayaks can be rented via **Ecomersion** at 727-229-7829; they operate from 9AM-5PM.

There's also a Cultural and Exhibit Center where the 1,100 years old dugout canoe is on display. Check out more on **WEEDON ISLAND** at www.weedonislandpreserve.org or at www.friendsofweedonisland.org.



SHBC NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BY ELLEN HENDERSON



Congratulations to those SHBC Members, whose Birthdays and Anniversaries fall in the Month of November. We have a few Members whose Birthdays are celebrated on the same day.

HAPPY VETERANS DAY! NOV. 11

By a Veteran (Unspecified)



This Veterans Day, we pay tribute to generations of men and women who have served and still serve in uniform. We celebrate veterans of every Branch of Service who have built the finest military the world has ever seen. And we honor their service which has protected this great republic for more than two centuries. To those who made the ultimate sacrifice, we owe a debt that can never be repaid.

Today, we salute America's veterans and their families. We thank all the veterans who embody the highest ideals of this Nation that we cherish so dearly...people like Lt. Col. Dick Cole, one of the four living Doolittle Raiders. He said of volunteering for the raid, "They had a note on the company bulletin board that they were looking for volunteers for a dangerous mission ... I signed my name."

M Hembrey said: "When I graduated from high school back in '64, I did not have enough money to go to college and the drop-outs had all the jobs. The draft was going crazy and some were defecting to Canada. I enlisted in the Air Force because I figured it was better to carry a tool bag rather than a gun. It was an education in life, and the loss of it, I have cherished all my life. Interestingly enough, I can usually tell if a person is a veteran or not after a few minutes of conversation. Veterans seem to have an uncanny ability to know what is really important."

Here is the list of our Active/Veteran Military SHBC MEMBERS from our 2020 Survey:

- Curt Brandt** Army
- Linda Brandt** USCG-AUX
- Dale Cuddeback** Army
- Mike Denny** Army
- Barry Fox** Navy + US COAST GUARD
- Chris Garill** Navy Chief Petty Officer
- Brian Garry** USCG-AUX-7-9; USCG-TDY/TAD
- Mike Hembrey** U.S.A.F, Fighter-Interceptor Radar Tech.
- R. Scott Hood** Navy
- Marty Horowitz** U.S.A.F
- Ann Kanuck** Navy 20 years active duty
- Mark Kanuck** Navy 14 years active duty and 14 years Navy reserve
- Mark Lewalski** U.S.A.F
- Ed Malek** Patrol Squadron 1 US Navy Air
- Paul Matthews** Navy
- Tom Potter** Army

DECEASED SHBC MILITARY VETERANS:

- Dale Cuddeback** Army
- Patrick Whelen** Army



For SHBC Members, who have joined our Club since 2020, please let us know about your Military Service, so that we might include you in our 2024 Salute to Veterans.

Any questions: email ELLEN HENDERSON @ ellenmaehenderson@hotmail.com or call (H) (727) 797-9380 & leave a message.

Message from Mikey: The next time you renew your FL Driver's License, take a copy of your DD-214 with you. They will add "Veteran" to your license. I have been surprised on how many times it made a difference,

Reverse Phone Lookup, Sort Of...

By Mikey

Ever get a suspected spam call, and want to know if it really is spam? Do not bother using those reverse lookup sites to find out. They go thru a bunch of phony lookup steps and then ask for your credit card. I have rarely found any that actually gave you useful information for free.



Then I discovered a trick for using RoboKiller. You may recognize them as an app for your cell phones. It turns out you can enter a URL with a phone number attached to the end and get a yes/no answer to the spam question.

I do not know if it can discriminate between real numbers and those you make up, but it is better than nothing. Also, if you are one of the first to search for a number, it may not be in their system yet.

<https://lookup.robokiller.com/p/727-555-1212>

FANTASTIC TRIP ON THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY IN NC

PIX & CAPTIONS: [Marion Ruuge-Aronson](#)



SHBC MEMBER Marion Ruuge-Aronson with her friend JoAnn. Colors peaked a little earlier this year (Global Warming?) in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

MARION in the Blue Ridge Mountains



Blue Ridge Parkway Colors Peaking



Mikey Note: I drove a portion of the Parkway a few years ago as part of a Vette Curvy Road Trip. I could not capture any images while driving but I promise you, pictures do not do it justice.

GeoGebra – The Math Resource I Wish I Had In School

By Mikey



Ever wanted to know something about math? Okay, maybe not but surely a child has challenged you with a math question. Fear no more!

I have found a website that does an amazing job of explaining math. I mean the kind of math you might have avoided in school. Algebra, geometry, number systems, measurement, probability and statistics, and much more.

They even have interactive graphics in some sections. The interactive for Bezier Curves (heard of these?) was totally informative. Put “**bezier**” in the GeoGebra search box and be prepared for an education. I could go on and on, but I will leave the discovery journey to you.

<https://www.GeoGebra.org/math>

P.S. When I told my son about this site, he mentioned another that my granddaughters are already using. This one is more education oriented, but is still really good.

<https://www.KhanAcademy.org/>

P.S.S. Even if you are not interested in this stuff, pass it along to your children and grandchildren.

SHBC Seafood Boil

By Kim Brenden-Price

On September 30th we had our first Seafood Boil hosted by Joan Marzi, Ron Carew and Kim Brenden-Price at the marina pavilion.

We had a great turnout, the weather cooperated for the most part, with only a quick rain shower during the event.

Joan and Kim shopped and gathered the ingredients and Ron C. brought the grills and cooking pots. The boil included shrimp, lobster, crab leg clusters, mussels as well as corn on the cob, small potatoes, and both Cajun and smoked sausage with the meal rounded out with coleslaw, fresh bread and brownies for dessert.

Everyone enjoyed great company, great food and another successful SHBC event!





VIDEO OF **FREE** Boat Tour of Port Tampa Bay

ARTICLE: ELLEN HENDERSON; PIX: ARCHIVES; VIDEO: GREG GARBERS

GREG GARBERS • CH 10 Commercial Producer videotaped our **FREE Boat Tour of Port Tampa Bay** and the story was aired on the *CHANNEL 10 LIFESTYLES* Show Great Day Live. Here is a link to the story:

<https://www.wtsp.com/video/features/great-day-live/take-a-tour-of-port-tampa-bay/67-b963723e-a5d7-4ee7-88a4-56a89d9ffb52>



On Fri., July 28 - 48 SHBC Members and Guests from Friendship Force, the Dunedin Windlasses & the Safety Harbor Kiwanis Club joined us for the **FREE Boat Tour of Port Tampa Bay**.

This event was held aboard the **Yacht Starship 1** at 603 CHANNELSIDE DR., which has 3 decks, is 185' long and was air conditioned on the 1st & 2nd Decks for everyone's comfort.

The various Guest Speakers broadcasted their presentations from the covered open-air 3rd deck that had many large fans to keep us cool. The presenters were from: Port Tampa Bay, Gulf Marine, Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful, Friends of Wheedon Island, Freedom Boat Club, EPC, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Tampa Bay Watch, Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, Hillsborough River Coastal Clean UP, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, etc.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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May it be a safe and happy event for each SHBC Member and their families.

Do you know what really happened during the first Thanksgiving?

We think we know what happened — why it was held, how the Wampanoag were invited, what the English ate. It is easier to believe this tale than to look at the facts.

As the story goes, the English sailed from England on the Mayflower, landed at Plymouth Rock, and had a good harvest in 1621. So, the governor (William Bradford) held a feast to celebrate and invited a group of friendly Native Americans, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit, and they feasted on fowl and deer...

But “*not exactly*,” says Ramona Peters, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

Did you know:

- The English did not even land at Plymouth Rock.
- The English did not find an empty land.
- The original feast lasted for three days.
- The holiday wasn't even proclaimed until 1777.

... and that is only the beginning.

Download the real story of the first Thanksgiving, as shared by descendants of the Wampanoag Tribe and descendants of the English in Plymouth Colony — learn what really happened in 1621 and how those events have shaped the reality for Native American communities today.

Share this resource with a friend who wants to know the real story of Thanksgiving.

http://www.nativepartnership.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pwn_a_real_thanksgiving&src=GoogleAd&subsrc=GGLAd1stTXG&clid=EA1aIQobChMI8Zbp6PmTggMV9INaBR2LVSrFEAYASAAEgID9vD BwE

LIN PARDEY - SAILING FROM NEW CALEDONIA TO VAUATU

LIN PARDEY: ARTICLE & PIX; CURATED BY ELLEN HENDESON

LIN PARDEY BOTTOM LEFT CORNER



Nothing like a night on the town after a wet, boisterous passage. Only 2-1/2 days on a beam reach from **New Caledonia to Vanuatu**. But the wind was **24 gusting to 27 kts** or occasionally a bit more. Lumpy seas. Had to slow "**Sahula**" down to 6.5 knots to help the hydrovane hold a good course. Even with the vane doing 96% of the steering, still came in feeling quite tired the night we arrived. A good long sleep solved that. Next night dinner, at the restaurant right opposite the boat, was delightful. Delicious food, lovely very warm-hearted service,

live music with a great selection of dance tunes spanning every taste. Yes, the two of us showed off all seven of our swing dance moves. Got a round of applause from the staff and other patrons. It convinced me the two of us have to practice some new steps.

"Sahula" at anchor



Ellen's note: I've been following **LIN PARDEY's** Sailing Adventures since the early 80's and have read many of her published Books through the Dolphin Book Club. She Is my Heroine! I learned how to provision a sailboat for long distance sailing (Races to Key West, Cuba & Isla Majeure, Mexico) from her.

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